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Chief Magistrate Judge James Larson
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Re: *Lando v. California Associated Insurance Brokers*
United States District Court, Northern California,
Case No. C 05 01617 BZ
Policy No.: 1104-00060810A
Claim No.: 10201.00301

Dear Honorable Judge Larson:

The above action is scheduled for a Settlement Conference with your honor at 2:00 p.m., November 3, 2005. Pursuant to the Notice of Settlement Conference and Settlement Conference Order, defendant California Associated Insurance Brokers hereby submits this written application for its insurance carrier representative to appear by telephone standby.

Good cause exists to excuse the personal appearance of the insurance company representative on the following grounds:

- (1) The claims representative assigned to this matter is not located in California, but in New York, and travel will create a substantial hardship;
- (2) The claims representative will be and will remain immediately available for telephone conference with counsel or your honor during the entire Settlement Conference; and,
- (3) Counsel for California Associated Insurance Brokers will be physically present at the conference and will have adequate settlement authority.



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By copy of this letter to all counsel, California Associated Insurance Brokers is notifying all other counsel in this action of its request.

Very truly yours,

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